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MATSUHISA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1637  
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For: METHOD OF DETECTING )  
NUCLEIC ACID AND UTILIZATION ) **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE**  
THEREOF )  
 ) **STATEMENT**  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(e)(1), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. Applicants certify that each item submitted herein was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office less than three months before the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Copies of the listed non-patent literature documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law,

Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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